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48th Fighter Wing commander

Sign in family members

Why aren't Mildenhall people allowed to sign their family members into the Lakenheath shoppette?

They can now! In recent years, AAFES was authorized to establish sign-in logs at locations where identification cards were routinely checked at the entrance. Previously, AAFES used sign-in logs at the both the main exchange and Four Seasons only. In response to this comment, a sign-in log has now been established in the Lakenheath shoppette.

Any authorized identification card holder may sign in an actual family member or relative with a U.S. passport.

Strive for environmental excellence

By Gen. Michael E. Ryan
USAFE commander

In conjunction with Air Force 50th birthday celebrations, Air Force installations worldwide participated with the communities they serve to celebrate Earth Day Tuesday.

U.S. Air Forces in Europe installations can be justifiably proud of the environmen-

tal stewardship they have fostered. Every day, we continue to set a responsible example.

The Air Force proclaimed the theme of Earth Day for 1997 through 2000 as, "Security for the Earth: The Military and the Environment."

This theme gives us an opportunity to communicate our successes in the environmental arena and to continue to show our commitment to environmental excellence. USAFE has made tremendous strides in environmental programs, and we're proud to be recognized as environmental leaders throughout the European command.

Being good stewards is a critical aspect

of the relationship with our host nations – it helps ensure our continued access to the land, air and water vital for training and operational readiness.

Environmental stewardship is a key part of the Air Force's mission. Let's show our strong commitment through participation in activities on base and with our surrounding communities as we continue to strive for environmental excellence in our day-to-day activities.

RAF Lakenheath Earth Day activities include the opening of Peacekeeper Park today. See page 7 for more information.

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On the cover

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Army Sgt. Paul Mochmer (left), veterinarian technician, holds a dog's leg steady as Capt. Brian Moore, veterinarian, prepares to sedate the animal while volunteer Teresa Thornton watches. For more on the vet clinic at RAF Feltwell, see pages 12-13.

Know the right way to handle sexual harassment

By TSgt. Lynn Arias
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One type of sexual harassment happens when a condition of employment, like keeping a job or getting a raise, is openly or implicitly offered in exchange for sexual favors. It's the easiest to identify.

The second type is unwelcome and demeaning sexually related behavior that creates an offensive work environment and affects a person's ability to do his or her job. This type of harassment can be harder to identify, and victims hesitate to report an offensive or hostile environment. But more than 95 percent of sexual harassment cases reported in the Air Force in 1995 were in the category of hostile environment.

The right way to report sexual harassment involves three steps.

☐ Object immediately. To avoid any miscommunication, be direct and make it clear to the harasser that you don't appreciate what

he or she is doing.

☐ Keep a written record. Note the dates, times and places the harassment occurs and describe each incident in detail. Writing it down helps clarify the situation. It can help you identify whether you are over-reacting. A written record will also help investigators if you decide to take the next step.

☐ Make a complaint. The best person to start with is your supervisor or the next person in the chain of command. Or you can go directly to social actions. To whom you make the report is not as important as making the report itself. Keeping quiet can make you miserable and allows the harasser freedom to abuse others.

This information may seem to target only those who may be harassed, but others can benefit as well. You may not ever experience sexual harassment directly, but you may hear about it, see it or supervise someone who has experienced it. For more information, call the 48th Fighter Wing social actions office at Ext. 3229 or 3896.